

## ABSTRACT

The invention intends to cheaply provide a cushioning material that can pack articles to be packed different in shapes and dimensions with a simple structure and stably and that can withstand transportations for long periods under severe conditions.

A universal air cushioning material is formed in such a manner that side portions forming end portions of above and below and left and right external frames of two superposed rectangular synthetic resin films made of a same raw material are thermally fused and, between the side portions, an intermediate portion thereof is arbitrarily thermally fused in accordance with a dimension and shape of the article to be packed to dispose a plurality of partitioned peripheral portions; at arbitrary positions in the vicinity of the side portions of the peripheral portions, at least a pair of notches is disposed horizontally symmetrically in accordance with a dimension and shape of the article to be packed and, in the peripheral portions, at least one air passage port is disposed to form a plurality of mutually communicated air chambers to enable to arbitrarily vary a contact area between the air chambers and the article to be packed or an inner wall of the transporting vessel; to at least one of the air chambers an air inlet port is disposed to inject air from the air inlet port to expand an entirety of the air chambers; and thereby an inside thereof is

pressed against the article to be packed and an outside thereof is pressed against an inner wall of the transporting vessel.